

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
June 21, 2004  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**            **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY  
COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS  
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ABSENT:**            **COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU  
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 -     Accepting Bid for Ready Mix Concrete, Watertown Concrete, Inc.
- 2 -     Approving Bid for Chemicals, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Eaglebrook Environmental
- 3 -     Approving Bid for Chemicals, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Slack Chemical
- 4 -     Accepting Bid for Emerson Place Project Street Lights
- 5 -     Supporting an Application for the Designation of the Black River As a Blueway Trail
- 6 -     Accepting Proposal for Paratransit Services, Guilfoyle Ambulance Service
- 7 -     Approving Agreement for Public Benefit Services Between the City of Watertown and the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County
- 8 -     Approving Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the Thompson Park Conservancy
- 9 -     Approving Amendment No. 1 to the EPA Brownfield Pilot Cooperative Agreement
- 10 -    Authorizing an Application to the NYS Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program
- 11 -    Approving the Sale of Real Property Within the Emerson Place Project to Emerson Place LP
- 12 -    Finding that the Construction of Phase II of the Near East Side Neighborhood Improvement District Project Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- 13 -    Approving Amendment to Agreement for Architectural Services, DPW Vehicle Storage and Maintenance Facility, Wendel-Duchscherer Architects and Engineers, P.C.
- 14 -    Amendment to Municipal Code, Section 293-61 Parking Prohibited at All Times – East Side of Lansing Street
- 15 -    Laid Over Under the Rules – Local Law No. 2 of 2004 – A Local Law Regulating the Outdoor Bulk Storage of Particulate Matter
- 16 -    Monthly Financial Report

## **COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2004 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following claims against the City were received:

1. From Daniel Bunce for injuries he sustained at the Watertown Airport while being employed by Rogers Fence Company as an installer of a fence on the southerly property line of the airport.
2. From Pierre Kamguia for alleged false arrest, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

## **ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT**

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Fred Benedetto**, 227 Elm Street, addressed the chair on behalf of the Italian-American Club. After giving a brief history of the organization, he explained that the City has ordered the club to remove the sign that has been in front of their building for many years. He stated that about 10 years ago, they complied with the City's requirement to put the sign on wheels. Now, they have been told the sign has to be put at the back of the building. He remarked that the club needs the advertising in order to survive. The sign helps bring in the lunch business as well as other events. He asked Council to look into this. He explained that the club is not trying to break any rules and is willing to restructure the sign.

Mayor Graham asked Mrs. Corriveau to prepare a report for the next Council meeting as to what led to the change in City policy regarding the sign.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of Ready Mix Concrete for use by the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to four (4) prospective bidders with three (3) bids being received, and

WHEREAS on Thursday, June 5, 2003, at 11 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Robert J. Cleaver, City Purchasing Agent, reviewed the bids and after conferring with Eugene Hayes, DPW Superintendent, is recommending that the City accept the bid submitted by Watertown Concrete, Inc., Watertown, New York, as detailed below:

4000 lb. Coarse	\$67.00/cubic yard
4000 lb. Fine	\$67.00/cubic yard
5000 lb. Fine	\$69.00/cubic yard

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Watertown Concrete, Inc., as detailed above, for the purchase of crushed gravelstone for use by the Department of Public Works.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Agent has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant during Fiscal Year 2004-06, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to seventeen (17) prospective bidders, with six (6) bids submitted to the Purchasing Department, and

WHEREAS on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at 11 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Michael J. Sligar reviewed the bids received and are recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Eaglebrook Environmental, as detailed below:

Ferric Chloride	\$244.00/dry ton delivered
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Eaglebrook Environmental, Madison, Illinois, as detailed above, for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Agent has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant during Fiscal Year 2004-056, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to seventeen (17) prospective bidders with six (6) bids submitted to the Purchasing Department, and

WHEREAS on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at 11 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Michael J. Sligar reviewed the bids received and are recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Slack Chemical, Carthage, New York, as detailed below:

StaFloc 6532 Dry Polymer      \$1.039/# delivered

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Slack Chemical, Carthage, New York, as detailed above, for the purchase of chemicals for use at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of 4 Spring City Light Fixtures, per City specifications, for installation by City crews at the Emerson Place project, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to four (4) prospective bidders, with two (2) bids being received, and

WHEREAS on Monday, June 14, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department, and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver reviewed the bids received and is recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by City Electric Company, Inc., Watertown, New York, in the amount of \$10,400, for 4 Spring City Light Fixtures, for installation by City crews at the Emerson Place project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council accepts the bid submitted by City Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$10,400, for 4 Spring City Light Fixtures for installation at the Emerson Place project.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the Tug Hill Commission is proposing to submit an application on behalf of communities along the Black River to the Environmental Protection Funds Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for designation of the river as a Blueway Trail, and

WHEREAS the Black River is an important resource to the City and region and a regional approach to planning for its development should be encouraged,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mary M. Corriveau, as City Manager of the City of Watertown, is hereby authorized and directed to support an application for funds from the New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Fund for the Black River “Blueway Trail” project.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Commenting on the foregoing resolution, Councilwoman Burns stated that this is a positive effort and an excellent way to involve the 37 communities along the Black River.

Mayor Graham discussed the properties along the river and asked about a listing of those properties.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the Watertown Daily Times has requested a listing and it has been completed.

Mayor Graham commented that it seems like some of the property is developable, if someone had the vision to start the process.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that quite a bit of the property along the river has potential and it is an opportunity waiting to happen. She also commented that other communities with rivers do develop along them.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns and operates a fixed route bus service in

the City, and

WHEREAS as a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City is required to provide Paratransit Services, and

WHEREAS Guilfoyle Ambulance Service has provided Paratransit Services for the City of Watertown and under the terms of an Agreement effective July 1, 2002, the City has the ability to extend the terms of the Agreement for an additional three (3) year term on a year to year basis,

WHEREAS Purchasing Agent Robert Cleaver and Transit Supervisor Kathy Webster are recommending that the City Council extend the terms of the 2002 agreement for one additional year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the two-year Lump Sum proposal submitted by Guilfoyle Ambulance Service in the amount of \$46,274.80 for Paratransit Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract documents associated with the acceptance of this bid.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County (CAPC) was incorporated and designated in 1967 as the official anti-poverty agency for Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS since that time, CAPC has received funds from local governments as the local share required to leverage State and Federal program service dollars, and

WHEREAS the services provided by the CAPC promotes a public purpose, and

WHEREAS the services promote the education, charity, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement for Public Benefit Services between the City of Watertown and the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc., a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the Lessor, City of Watertown, owns the facility known as Thompson Park, located in the City of Watertown, County of Jefferson, State of New York, and

WHEREAS the Lessor has entered into an Agreement with the Tenant, Thompson Park Conservancy, Inc., to lease certain premises located at the Park for the operation of the "Thompson Park Zoo" by lease of December 1997, and

WHEREAS since that time the City of Watertown has provided both financial and in-kind services in support of the Thompson Park Conservancy, and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the City of Watertown to provide direct support to the Thompson Park Conservancy to be used to improve the leased premises as detailed in the attached Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Thompson Park Conservancy, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH  
ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has had an Assistance Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfield Pilot Project that expired on September 30, 2001, and

WHEREAS the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to extend the Agreement until November 30, 2005, along with changes in the project budget and the Project Manager, and

WHEREAS the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has prepared an Amendment to the Assistance Agreement, which is attached to and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the Brownfield Pilot Cooperative Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City Council.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham asked about the funding being used for sampling.

Mrs. Corriveau explained the history of the grant, which originally went to JCJDC. It was to be used for a pilot program on how we deal with brownfields in this community. That was over four years ago. Since that time, very little action has taken place. The grant expired before the City took it over. The City was able to get the grant extended. The City's environmental attorney has spoken with Black Clawson's attorney and before anything can be done, it has to be determined if the site is a brownfield. The prior testing doesn't meet DEC's criteria for determining this. Future testing will be done if Black Clawson will give the City access to the property.

Mayor Graham commented that as the \$2 million bridge is completed and ornamental lighting is in place, people traveling over it would be viewing the mess of concrete and weeds on the site. He commented that the City has forced the gentleman, on the other side, that builds model trains to put siding on his building and also remarked that there has to be a way to break the "log jam" with Black Clawson so access can be granted.

Attorney Slye explained that the City is unwilling to take title until we know what's there. He also commented that Black Clawson has spent a lot of money tearing down the foundry and triangle building. He also explained that Black Clawson doesn't want the studies done as it would put DEC on them and if a municipality is going to take title, DEC wants the site studied.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the funding couldn't be used for remediation, just for testing. \$190,000 of the funds is for contract work.

Mayor Graham commented that he would hope now the City would see something happen on this site.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown, New York, herein called the "Municipality", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problems and impacts of brownfield sites and study of currently available data regarding such potential sites, has hereby determined that certain project work, as described in its application and



attachments, herein called the “City of Watertown Brownfield Opportunity Area Program”, is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the project; and

WHEREAS the New York State Superfund and Brownfields Reform Act (signed into law on October 7, 2003) authorizes State assistance to municipalities to conduct brownfield redevelopment area planning and site assessments by means of a contract, and the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, that:

1. Mary Corriveau, City Manager of the City of Watertown, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality in all matters related to State assistance under the NYS Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (Section 970-r of the General Municipal Law). The representative is also authorized to sign and submit the application, execute the State Assistance Contract, submit project documentation, and otherwise act for the Municipality’s governing body in all matters related to the project and to State assistance;
2. All statements made for the purpose of obtaining State assistance for the proposed project either will be set out in full in the City’s application, or will be set out in full in the exhibits attached to the application and incorporated by reference, and are true to the best of the City’s knowledge and belief.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns certain lots of land within the Emerson Place Project, identified as Parcels D, E, F, G, S and T on the final subdivision plat prepared by Gerald Kostyk dated February 20, 2003, with revisions through February 27, 2003, and

WHEREAS the City Council deems the property to be excess and not required for any City purpose, and

WHEREAS Emerson Place LP has transferred an equal amount of land needed by the City for street and playground purposes, and

WHEREAS the excess City land can be used to increase the lot sizes for the housing that was rehabilitated as part of the Emerson Place Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York approves the sale of property identified as Parcels D, E, F, G, S and T on the final subdivision plat prepared by Gerald Kostyk, dated February 20, 2003, as revised through February 27, 2003 for the price of \$1.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the sale documents on behalf of the City.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York is considering the construction of Phase II of the Near East Side Neighborhood Improvement District project, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act on the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the proposed project will constitute an Action, and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the proposed project is a Type I Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS a coordinated review of this project is being undertaken and no objection has been received from any other involved agency to the City Council acting as lead agency, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that:

1. The City Council is hereby established as lead agency for the project for the purpose of making a determination under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
2. Based upon its examination of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, in comparison of the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact on the environment is known and this proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

3. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute a Negative Declaration on behalf of the City Council.

4. This resolution will take effect immediately.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

WHEREAS in November 1999, an RFP was issued for Architectural Services in connection with the construction and/or renovation of the DPW facilities, and

WHEREAS on January 3, 2000, the City Council approved a Mass Transportation Supplemental Grant Capital Project Agreement that provides funding for the design of the public transportation portion of the facility, and

WHEREAS in February 2001, the City Council approved an agreement for Architectural Services with Wendel-Duchscherer Architects & Engineers, from Buffalo, New York, and

WHEREAS the NYSDEC has asked the City to redesign the storm sewer connections associated with this project, and

WHEREAS City Engineer Gary E. Pilon is recommending that the City Council approve an Amendment to the Agreement with Wendel-Duchscherer Architects & Engineers to perform these duties for the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Amendment to the Agreement for Architectural Services with Wendel-Duchscherer in the amount of \$1,100, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

## **ORDINANCES**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the Municipal Code, Section 293-61, is hereby amended by deleting from the Schedule of Locations therein contained the following:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	LOCATION
Lansing Street	East	From East Lynde Street to Francis Street

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this amendment to the Municipal Code shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown or printed as the City Manager directs.

### **SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY**

### **LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES**

#### **LOCAL LAW**

#### **NO MOTION WAS MADE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE A LOCAL LAW REGULATING THE OUTDOOR BULK STORAGE OF PARTICULATE**

**MATTER** (Introduced on May 17, 2004, public hearing held on June 7, 2004; appears in its entirety on page 106 of the 2004 Minutes Book

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### **COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

#### **Letter from Donald Coon**

Mayor Graham referred to a letter received this afternoon from Mr. Coon whereby he expressed interest in purchasing the Woodruff II and Iron Block sites. Council will receive copies of the letter. It was agreed that more discussions and more answers were needed. In addition, Councilman Clough needs to be present for the discussions. Mayor Graham also commented that he would prefer that Mr. Coon tell the community what his intentions are.

#### **Merline Avenue**

Mayor Graham asked Mrs. Corriveau about the status of this situation.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that she had spoken with property owners on Merline Avenue about petitioning Council for a water main to be installed down the street.

Mayor Graham asked about it being a dedicated City street.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that the fact they don't have a water main doesn't indicate whether or not it is a dedicated street. She stated that no determination has been made about that at this time.

### **Ni Mo Street Lights**

Mayor Graham commented that there are street lights around the City that flicker on and off when they should stay on.

Mrs. Corriveau will send a letter to Ni Mo and suggested that specific complaints submitted to her office should include individual street addresses.

### **Overgrown Areas**

Councilwoman Burns asked about the grassy strip between the former Kriff's Store and Solelectron. She asked who the owner was as the property is very overgrown and needs mowing.

Mrs. Corriveau will check into it and if the City owns it, it will be mowed. Otherwise, she will contact the owner.

Councilman Bradley referred to a vacant house on TenEyck Street and the fact that the grass is overgrown. He stated that the owners pay the taxes and also pay for the City to mow the property. However, it is a continuing problem and after the City has mowed, the grass becomes overgrown again and again.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that while the City can mow the property, they have to send notices each time before doing so. Therefore, the time between each mowing is a result of the sending of the required notices.

Mayor Graham advised that there is a house on Ann Street that has been vacant for decades and the growth of trees around is so thick that one can hardly see the house. He stated that he is amazed how this could be allowed to go on for so many years without anything being done about it.

### **Solelectron Parking Area**

Councilwoman Burns commented that this parking lot is still not being used to its capacity and commented that any movement we can make in freeing up some of the space for others to use would be appreciated.

### **JCC Survey**

Councilwoman Burns remarked that it is disheartening to see the percentage of people who indicated that downtown is getting worse during the recent survey. She stated that it is imperative that the streetscape project be pushed through this year. She commented that this project would do a great deal to improve the morale of people in regards to the downtown area.

### **Syracuse Symphony**

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council of the Syracuse Symphony concert in Thompson Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>, with the rain date being July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **U.S. Team Trials**

Mrs. Corriveau explained that staff is continuing to work with representatives for this event to be held August 20 –29.

### **Flower Avenue West/Sherman Street**

Mrs. Corriveau advised that barricades have been put up in this area as a result of a sinkhole. The sewer line connection broke and it is a complicated fix. Barricades will probably be up for the rest of the week.

### **NYS DOT News**

Mrs. Corriveau distributed copies of this release to Council. She explained that the State is asking for participation from the communities and it is important to attend the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the State Office Building. She advised Council that if any member wanted to speak at that meeting, she needs to know by June 24<sup>th</sup> to have their names placed on the list. She explained the City relies on funding received from NYS DOT and staff will be formulating a presentation for the meeting.

### **Sewer Line on Water Street**

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that the sewer line is completed and the 15 owners have been notified to begin work on the connection. There is a 60-day turn around time for the connections to be completed.

### **Arena Concession**

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the City has received a request from the Watertown Hockey Association and the Watertown Figure Skating Club to negotiate the franchise for the arena concession. She explained that these two groups are the primary users of the arena and they feel that with the two working together, they will have enough volunteers to staff the concession. Mrs. Corriveau asked if Council would be willing to consider negotiations or did they wish to put it out for bid as in the past.

Councilwoman Burns questioned the low number of bidders that usually bid on the concession.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that there have only been two bidders that she was aware of. She also advised Council that they would have the ability to do the negotiations only before it was bid out.

Councilwoman Burns commented that it would be a positive change in policy. She stated that these groups rely on that concession to keep their programs going.

Councilman LaBouf commented that he would rather see these two groups benefit from the concession.

Mayor Graham asked if this extends to other events held at the arena.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that it does extend to the other events and they have indicated that their ability to staff the concession is enhanced by working together.

Mayor Graham commented that it is worth a try. However, he questioned if people are more likely to show up to staff the concession if they are paid rather than volunteers.

Councilman Bradley commented that volunteers usually are more dependable at the concession.

Councilman LaBouf responded that there were a lot of problems with some of the paid staff in the past.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILWOMAN BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**Donna M. Dutton**

City Clerk